a Valedictory address
delivered March 11th 1806. part to p 30
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remaining part
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Also March 23. 1810

Dear Gent: we conclude our lectures for the present year. The winter has been to me a laborious one, ~~but unusual~~ It would have been much more so ~~if~~ had not its toils been lightened - ~~and~~ by the ~~pleasure which I have derived from~~ the punctuality & attention w: which you have honoured my instructions, for which I beg you to accept of my most respectful acknowledgements.

~~In~~ the beginning of the course, many of you Gent: asked me what books you should read upon the subjects of my lectures. To this question I was unable to give a satisfactory answer. You will now know the reason of it.

- The doctrine of animal life - the functions of the liver - spleen & omentum the arteries - ~~of~~ & of ~~mucal of the viscera, & abdomen~~ the influence of the operations of the mind upon

2 — the Universality of predisposing debility —
~~Dis~~ the human body — the Unity of ~~the~~ disease,
extending alike to the body & mind — the ~~states~~
signs of Disease — as manifested by the states of the pulse and the blood — the
simplicity and small number of my medicines,
and the ~~same & specific~~ appropriate times of giving them,
have produced such a Departure in my principles
and modes of practice from all the ~~bodies of~~ systems
of ~~pathology~~ physiology — pathology & practice that are now
extant, than I could not recommend any
one of them, without ~~placing~~ putting you
in the way of acquiring many ~~ideas~~ ideas which
I should be obliged to combat in the course
of my lectures. If you have adopted the
principles, I have taught, ~~you~~ you may read
any, or all of those systems, not only with
safety, but with advantage. They abound

V delivered, ~~has~~ produce the same effect upon your minds, that it ~~they~~ has had upon mine, ~~your~~ the body & ~~they~~ ~~will show the~~ ~~human body hereafter~~ mind of man will appear ~~as~~ to you hereafter as different from what ~~it is~~ they are exhibited in books, as if they were dissimilar objects. ~~But~~

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~~Take notice~~ I beg of you to take notice here Gents: that I do not say the principles I have taught are true. far from it. all I shall say in this favor is, that since my practice has been directed by them, it has been far more successful, that it was while it was regulated by the system of medicine in which I was educated. Go to p. 8 (1)

facts, ~~which if not supposed~~, may be em-
-ployed in filling up the vacant spaces, or
adding to the strength of the building I have
endeavoured to erect for ~~the benefit~~ your
benefit. If the ~~principles~~ system of medicine which I have

I am aware that the import of a
declaration, - that I have taught a new system
of Medicine. The declaration has been forced
upon me by its enemies from whom ~~I have~~
~~not widely by the kind acceptance of my opinions~~
~~I order of Ld~~ for it first received that
odious and unpopular name. ~~from its enemies~~,
as it has since been given to it by its friends,
in different, and remote parts of the world. The
~~history~~ fate of this system of medicine has been
a singular one. ~~It first appeared in the~~
~~character of~~ it was considered as a sickly

but that would ~~not~~ perish as soon as it was exposed to the ~~air~~ inclemency of a cold, or rainy day. Contrary to calculation, it lived, thro' several stormy seasons but in great penury and weakness. For many years it rambled up and down the streets of Philadelphia like a little beggar boy, without a friend, and without other shelter, than the scanty one afforded ~~it~~ by its father. A few gentlemen of the faculty (whose names will ever be dear to me) admitted him into their houses, and kindly assisted him in feeding and clothing him: ~~[illegible] and then covered his weakness and gave him a plentiful meal~~ – But a great majority of the physicians of our city scorned him from their doors. ~~[illegible]~~ Some of them did more – they either hired the vagabonds of the city to pelt him with stones, or they rewarded them liberally for doing so

It is true they have changed his name, and endeavoured to persuade disguise him by a new Dress — but his ~~com~~ voice, his features & his Manners all discover his Descent from his Cowful father. —

by their friendship, and patronage. In spite of this unkind and cruel treatment the boy has grown to be man — ~~and to the compassion of all who knew him~~ ~~of his genius~~ has acquired such marks of health, and ~~strength~~ vigor — that they ~~can~~ deny him be ~~many~~ the offspring ~~and~~ of the father ~~to~~ to whom ~~to~~ he owes his existence. I am not disposed ~~to~~ & cherished that he is now admitted ~~into~~ the families of his greatest enemies, to reconcile ~~their~~ change of conduct towards him, they ~~and denies it is~~ deny him to be ~~the little~~ ~~Unless they~~ my offspring, and call him by another name. This is nothing new in the history of such young adventurers. I rejoice ~~most sincerely rejoice in his good fortune~~ ~~happy success~~ the last instance ~~and desire from~~ of his good fortune, and desire from that circumstance chiefly a consolation that repays me for all the trouble

In thus addressing myself to the institution of a new principles in medicine, I ~~but fear to be expulsated from the stage of being bewildered~~ take this opportunity of declaring that I was little expected to have been called to that arduous and hazardous duty, in the early part of my medical life, as I now expect to be called upon to fill the see of Canterbury. when I first settled in this city, my first, study & greatest pleasure consisted in explaining & propagating the ~~prin~~ system of medicine of my illustrious preceptor Dr Cullen, and it was not until it I was disappointed in many instances in its application to the practice of physic, that I ~~[illegible]~~ observed, and thought for myself. — The recollection of the past attainments of our science, ~~encouraged me to hope in the dawn of future inquiries, while~~ and an ardent

~~my~~ the ~~work long~~ has cost me. ~~I am disposed to~~
He will - he must live now ~~and~~ top of
through all the ~~grades &~~ stages of human
life. ~~But to drop our allegory if I am not insensible of the favor~~
am not insensible of the favor with
which my principles & modes of practice in medicine have been
received by my pupils, and by many others,
~~in distant, & in some foreign countries,~~
but ~~the most gratifying~~ I am most dis:
-posed to believe in their truth & utility when
I reflect that they have been adopted by
~~the~~ their most inveterate ~~& implacable~~ enemies
in this city. You will judge of the change wh:
has taken place in this minds, when I add that
this hostility to me discovered by these publica:
-tions in 1797 was compared by a sensible
clergyman in a neighboring state to "the opening
of the mouth of hell against me".

To this hostility I have never replied
not even in a single sentence in a news

much more than any confidence in my ~~[illegible]~~ abilities, encouraged
Desire to lessen human misery ~~[illegible]~~
me to hope for ~~the~~ success in ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~ my inquiries in
in medicine.
~~[illegible]~~. Painful - ~~[illegible]~~ and
unremitted have been my labors for that purpose.
Numerous - complicated and cruel have been
~~[illegible]~~
the persecutions that have followed them. ~~[illegible]~~
- peace - and forgiveness to the authors of
them! ——— ~~[illegible]~~ Their unkindnesses have ~~[illegible]~~ lately exhibited
~~this~~ ~~[illegible]~~ last sign of departing life. The hearse
must ~~will~~ soon convey them ~~their troubles~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to the oblivion
of the grave.] ———

⊙ Among the ~~[illegible]~~ painful circum-
-stances that attended the propagation of my medical
principles in medicine, my being obliged to
oppose the system of ~~my~~ Dr Cullen was not
the least. He was dear to me as a master,

9 Although I am possessed of ~~many~~

You may form some idea of the nature of them, when I add, they were compose in the year 1797 by a Citizen of a neighbouring state to "the opening the mouth of hell against me"

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and I have been more than once told, that I shared largely in his friendship. But I was reconciled to my conduct only by reflecting that ~~he~~ our Objects were the same, and were it possible for his departed spirit to appear ~~here to rise from his grave~~, to me in my study, or to meet in an evening walk – he would say to me "go on my son – continue to exercise that ~~you have only merit~~ ~~free~~ freedom of inquiry which it was

Methinks I hear the same awful Voice
issuing from the tomb of my beloved
Master. It seems to say to me. "In the
progress in our Science towards the perfection
which awaits it, your System of Medicine
will soon follow the fate of mine. Future
discoveries in Anatomy, Chemistry - and natu-
-ral history will consign a part of it to
Oblivion, and render alterations necessary
in every other part of it". Delightful intelligence!

- I anticipate its accomplishment with pleasure. Perhaps I
am now addressing the gentleman - who
shall from the Chair I now occupy; - or from
the press - expose the errors ~~&c~~ of any System
~~-ciples~~ of medicine. — Did I know who
was to be that person, I would take him
~~by the hand~~ into my arms, and cordially wish him
Success in his noble Undertaking. —

my pride and pleasure to excite in all my pupils — ~~you have added~~ only a story to the building of Ch. W: I lay the foundation. — ~~If the future is yet incomplete, [illegible] any fate one long will be yours — [illegible]~~ and if the empire of Death ~~be limited~~ has been lessened in a single instance by your adjection of any part of my principles in medicine, I shall ~~be satisfied~~ rejoice in it !!. Yes — venerable Shade! — I am sure you do, — for your whole life was ~~regulated~~ animated not ~~not~~ by the love of vain fame, than by the most sublime & disinterested love: — volence to ~~the~~ your fellow creatures! —

The Dead sometimes call upon us from their tombstones. and say — "as you are now — so once was I, — as I am now — so — shortly — you shall be." Me=

I regret that the number & pressure of my engagements during the winter, ~~& latterly the dictates of my fugitive~~ have more frequent prevented my cultivating an intercourse with you ~~I know not I have lost~~ from which I should have derived both pleasure & instruction.

labors! 12. perish my name

= Perish my ~~name~~, ~~and the memory of my~~
from the words of ~~time~~, time,
~~labors~~ — provided the Science I have loved & cherished be advanced, and perfected in the ~~world~~.

I have only regret to express my sincere ~~expressed for the~~ regret in parting with you. Accept of my thanks for the respectful & flattering attention with which you have been pleased to honour these lectures, and receive from me ~~heart overflowing~~ me, the most ~~cordial~~ affectionate good wishes for your future prosperity & happiness.